

# 108 OPINIONS ARE HANDED DOWN BY ILL. SUPREME COURT

ONE CASE RESULTS IN OPINION  
THAT A MAN'S HAT DOES NOT  
CONSTITUTE A BALLOT BOX.

Springfield, Dec. 27.—The Illinois supreme court adjourned without handing down a decision in the case which tests the constitutionality of the legislative act barring fraternalists and sororities from high schools in the state.

The case remains on the advice-docket and it is probable a decision will be rendered at conclusion of the February term.

One hundred and eight opinions were handed down at the conclusion of the December term.

Among the decision of the court was one affirming the appellate court of the third district which reversed the lower court's decree for an injunction restraining the Illinois Commerce Commission from instituting suit against the Illinois Bell Telephone company to prevent the latter from collecting certain rates for service at Monmouth and other central Illinois cities.

The court holds the proper remedy of the company, if the commerce commission fails to fix just and reasonable rates is through a mandamus to compel the commission to act and not through a bill in equity which the company filed in the appellate case.

In another opinion the court held a hat is not a ballot box and ordered reversed a decision of the lower court in a case appealed from Fayette county. In an election for school trustees in an unincorporated county Eugene Kuffel claimed he had received 12 votes against 10 for his opponent, L. L. Wood.

The testimony showed the votes were cast in a hat and after the polls closed were taken home in a sealed envelope by Wood, the candidate.

If such proceedings could be tolerated in school elections, similar methods and disregard for law should be permitted in any election anywhere, the court said in reversing the lower court.

The court upheld the constitutionality of the legislative act of 1921, which permits counties, which have not heretofore voted a tax for state aid highways, to levy a tax of 25 cents on the \$100 valuation.

The opinion affirms the decision of the Kanebakee court which upheld the tax levy. Justices Thompson and Stone dissented.

## "SPEED" TO BE TOPIC OF KIWANIS MEETING

A very interesting meeting is scheduled for the grand finale of 1922 at the Kiwanis club luncheon to be held tomorrow noon at the American Restaurant.

Prompted by the great increase throughout the United States in the past year a topic has been suggested which is, "Can the Speed Mania be Cured or Controlled?" Two able speakers in W. O. Bellamy and Chief of Police Ben. F. Ford have been secured to come to the luncheon and talk on the subject.

As an additional feature beside the talks on speed, Miss Lucille Mercer will sing several solos, while Bert Wade will lead the chorus in the singing of a successful 1922 year.

## TEST P. O. FOUNDATIONS FOR \$15,000,000 LOAD

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Federal engineers from Washington were in Chicago today to test the postoffice foundations for the contemplated remodeling of the present structure to twenty-seven stories in height.

A request for \$15,000,000 to remodel the structure is pending before the house appropriations committee.

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## SOCIETY

What promises to be one of the gayest events of the holiday season is the dance to be given at Armory C. Friday evening, December 29th, by students of the University of Wisconsin, from La Salle, Streator and Ottawa. All students, alumni and the general public is invited to attend, as it will be one of the biggest dances of the year, both in attendance and merriment. An orchestra from the University of Wisconsin will play for the dancing.

The Waltham League of the Zion Evangelical Lutheran church will entertain at a "Watch Party," December 31st, at the church to which all members of the church are invited. The affair promises to be one of the most delightful of parties given at the church, and numerous sorts of entertainment will be provided.

The regular weekly luncheon of the Rotary club was held at the New American restaurant at noon today. Covers were laid for forty-five guests and following the luncheon the regular routine of business of transacted.

The Epworth M. E. Church of South Ottawa will hold their annual Christmas party at the church, Thursday evening, December 28. A very delightful program has been arranged which will include recitations, songs and tableaux. The affair will be given by the Sunday School and everyone is invited to attend.

The annual formal Christmas party for members of the Boat Club will be held tomorrow evening at the club. This is always one of the biggest and gayest events on the social calendar and this year's affair seems to be a very promising one. The evening will be spent at cards and dancing, and all members are cordially invited to attend.

## CORN SHIPMENTS BREAK ALL RECORDS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Corn receipts at Chicago for 1922 broke all previous records, totalling about 193,000,000 bushels.

Wheat receipts were 11,315,000 more than last year and the aggregate arrivals of the five leading grains was 29,068,000 bushels more than in 1921.

Shipments of corn, 135,000,000 bushels, were the second largest on record—exceeded only by the mark of 131,000,000 bushels in 1898.

Wheat shipments were 9,137,000 bushels more than last year.

Movement of packing house products showed a material decrease compared to last year; arrivals of cured and fresh meats decreased 23,000,000 and 202,000,00 pounds, respectively.

Shipments of cured meats fell off 242,000,000 pounds and fresh meats decreased 181,000,000 pounds.

# CHINESE FLAPPER REVOLTS AT IDEA OF GOING TO HER MATE

DISAPPEARS ON EVE OF WEDDING IN OPPOSITION TO ORIENTAL CUSTOM OF MAKING BRIDE GO TO HUSBAND INSTEAD OF VICE VERSA.

New York, Dec. 27.—(By the Associated Press.)—The streets of Chinatown, which have pulsed with subdued gossiping since Mildred Wenn, 12 year old Chinese flapper, ran away from her Washington home Friday, almost on the eve of her wedding to George Yum Lee, son of one of the leading Chinese families of New York, had some added thrills today.

The first came when word was passed that Miss Wenn had returned to her home and that George Lee, whose father is president of the On Leong Tong in the United States, had rushed to her on the first Washington train this morning.

Then almost eyed inhabitants of Mott street, congregated about the Lee home at No. 32, saw two black shiny wardrobe trunks unloaded and lugged up five winding flights of stairs by truckmen of the Canton Transfer Co.

Boldly across the end of each trunk in brave red letters, was "M. Wenn." The trousseau had arrived, but still no bride. A little while later dispatches from Washington said the girl had disappeared again.

There were several stories. But the one most favored had it that Miss Wenn—a thoroughly Americanized flapper—with bobbed hair and occidental turn of mind—had disappeared merely to register her independence and show her disapproval of the Chinese custom which makes a bride go to her husband instead of waiting for the husband to come for her. It is said she insisted the wedding be in Washington.

One thing they all were agreed on, that Miss Wenn had not been forced according to ancient Chinese custom into marriage with a man she did not even know. They met many months ago at the Chinese legation in Washington, went through all the phases of an American courtship and became engaged a year ago.

Since that time, say friends of Lee, they have kept the mail man busy delivering love missives in which discussion of plans for their life together in New York figured prominently. These plans included a modern home in Chinatown and joint studentship at New York university, where Lee already is well on the road to becoming an engineer.

So the question really isn't whether Lee and Miss Wenn are to be mar-

ried. The question is where, when and how the marriage will be solemnized.

Meanwhile the gorgeous red rooms of the On Leong Tong, with their decorations of poppies and gold dragons, yawn empty for the wedding guests, the wedding feast reposes in cold storage, the wedding jewels wait in Lee Quon's strong box—and Chinatown is all a-gossip.

## OHIO ELATED OVER PROSPECTS FOR 1923

Columbus, Ohio, Dec. 27.—Ohio State University's football prospects for 1923 are much brighter than they were for the season just ended, according to officials of the athletic department. Coach Wilce will have more better men back next season than in any of his experience here, together with some good freshman material.

Of the twenty-seven Buckeyes who participated in Big Ten games this year, only eight are certain losses through graduation. Practically the entire line was lost last year. They are: Capt. Pixley, Kenneth Pauley, tackle; E. J. Kaplow, center; A. C. Michaels, fullback; Wilmer Isabel, H. H. Blair, Constantin Faracsin and L. S. Moorehead, halfbacks.

Veterans who will form the nucleus of the 1923 squad include: "Hog" Workman, star forward passing halfback; Frank Hanaker, fullback; Boni Petcoff, N. H. Dunlap, Harold Wasson and R. W. Oberlin, tackles, and Tom Long and H. D. Steel, guards. Eleven of the nineteen letter men available next season are sophomores.

"Our prospects for next year are brighter than they were for the season just ended," said Coach Wilce.

"We will have more letter men back than ever before, and we have a fair freshman team to pick from. However, you never can tell about football. We thought at the beginning of this season that we would have a winning team, but we won only one conference game."

The season was the most disastrous experienced by Ohio State since it became a member of the Western Conference. However, nearly 2,000 Ohio fans accompanied the team to Urbana, Ill., for its clash with Illinois, the last game of the season which it won.

## STATE TEACHERS OPEN CONVENTION

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 27.—(By A. P.)—The interest of over 300 delegates to the 69th annual meeting of the Illinois State Teachers' association, arriving here today for the initial meeting tonight, centered about the attitude of the association on the recommendations of the Illinois educational commission for a change in the state distributive plan. The proposals of the commission for sweeping changes in the methods of allotting the state's \$8,000,000 school fund were to take precedence over decisions on other important matters, officials stated.

The association for years had urged a state distributive school fund of \$20,000,000 annually. This was their chief recommendation before the last legislature, which gave them \$8,000,000 a year. The association is still for the \$20,000,000 fund, Robert G. Moore of Carlinville, secretary, said, but the attitude on the bills to be proposed by the educational commis-

sion must be settled before it can determine the size of the fund that is to be urged before the forthcoming general assembly.

## MEANEST MAN STEALS WIDOW'S FOOD AS SHE AWAITS SON'S DEATH

Henry police and citizens are seeking the champion "meanest man" of the world, who broke into the cellar of a widow a few nights ago and stole coal, potatoes and canned fruit that had been given by neighbors to assist her through the illness of a dying son.

The sentiment of the community is expressed by the Henry Times Republican, under the caption "The meanest man in Illinois lives in Hany."

The word "mean" is used above only in the sense that he or it is the male gender.

The dictionary gives as one definition of man: "One possessed of many attributes;" can't use that one and the other is "An adult male of the human species." This definition probably applies to the thing referred to in this article, but, at that, it is pretty severe on the species.

A few terms that do apply to this low down specimen are thief, malefactor, crook, criminal and sneak. How I wish I owned a book of synonyms so that I might give him his dues.

I have in mind some other terms that I think would apply in such a case but the editor would be afraid to let them go through his process.

Anyway I'm betting the readers of this will be able to add a few more apt terms of description that will occur to them as they read that the thing referred to is the one who stole coal, potatoes and canned fruit from Mrs. William Jacobs, who lives in the last house at the north end of School st., and too, the stuff was stolen while her son Thomas was dying in the room directly over the thief.

Furthermore, the stolen stuff had been given to this poor woman to help through the long illness of her son.

Marion, Ill., Dec. 27.—Five persons were shot to death in Williamson County during the Christmas holidays. Pete Salce, an Italian of Herrin, was shot and killed in his back yard, presumably by some one trying to hold him up. Ernest Hershey was slain at Johnston City, allegedly by L. H. Johnson, night watchman for a construction company. Johnson is held. Charles Baker, marshal of Colp, was shot by Melvin Bush, who in turn was shot by Baker. Both died within a half hour of each other. Ardell Lindsey, 15, was accidentally killed Christmas Day. Charles Leeper, 16, and Francis Powell, 23, were with the boy at the time.

## The Chinese Bride.

On her wedding day the Chinese bride is clad in red and carried in a sedan chair covered with red. Any person who wishes may turn back the chair curtain and have a look at the bride.



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